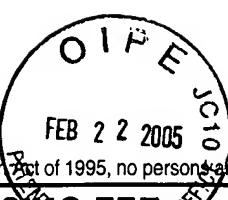


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This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004 in which claims 1-54 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following comments. Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and include a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response.